**Expression**

**A numerical or algebraic representation of a quantity. An expression may include numbers, variables, and operations; for example, 3 + 7, 2x – 1.**

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Mathematics

 **Names for Numbers**

Challenge students to find different ways to express a particular number, say, 10. Give a few simple examples, such as 5 + 5 or 12 – 2. Encourage the use of two or more different operations. **“How many names for 8 can you find using only numbers less than 10 and at least three operations?”** In your discussion, emphasize that each expression is a way of representing or writing a number.

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